

Win, Lose, or Draw

By FRANCIS E. STANN

Comes the Two-Coach Era, Maybe?

The reluctance of football coaches to change the present free-substitution rule at the recent National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting in New York is understandable. The coaches, by nearly 10 to 1, favor free substitution, admitting it is easier on them.

Free substitution means that a policy of developing two teams out of one squad will become widespread. A coach, for instance, puts a "kick-off team" on the field if his captain wins the toss and elects to kick off. "The kick-off" team may include six ends—guys who are expert at going down the field fast and making tackles.

If the coach—or rather his captain—chooses to receive, he may put five or perhaps six backs on the field, hoping that one of them will return the ball for a touchdown. In either event the lineup will be changed radically before the first play of the game.

So it goes throughout the entire game. There is a defensive team and an offensive team. Michigan was a prime example. When attacking, the Wolverines had a light, alert line and backs to match. When on defense, Fritz Crisler substituted a big, heavy line with specialists in the backfield. Princeton, among other schools, employed the same tactics. The Princeton revelled at the opportunity to substitute freely.

They'll Only Be Half-Wizards

Now what does this rule do to football? It does several things; some harmful. It slows the game, because substitutes forever are running to and fro. But, most of all, it hits at the hopes of future coaches.

Approximately 80 or 90 per cent of the pro players hope some day to become coaches—to return to their alma maters and grab jobs, either as top men or as assistants. Those with possibly loftier ambitions aim to become pro coaches.

In the old days—or the years before free substitution—most players who accumulated a fair share of headlines and glory were considered coaching material. Many a boy collected his diploma one day and reported as assistant coach the next. But those days may well be over. Today the star football player knows only half the game. If he's a whiz-bang as a ball carrier the chances are he plays only when his team has the ball. If he's a good linebacker, or a rock on pass defense, he probably plays only when the other team is on the march.

These are the days of the specialist. A man can lead a league in scoring without ever pulling on a pair of shoulder pads; he only need wear a kicking shoe and go in to boot that extra point or field goal.

It's More Fun to Push a Button

Some day the hot-shot coaches of present times—the Leahys, Crislers, Bryants, Tatum, Faurio, Blakis, Hagerty, Cravath, and Stahleys—are going to give out and there will be openings for new wizards. But they'll only be half-wizards, you can bet on that.

The guy whose only job in college was to play on pass defense is going to grow up to be a defensive coach, if he becomes qualified to coach at all. It all fits. What else could he, except a coach who stresses defense?

Similarly, the college star who plays only when his team has the ball is going to be handicapped when he turns to coaching. His teams most likely will be very good scoring outfits. They'll score 21 or 27 points a game and, most likely, will get licked, 27-21 or 21-17, by colleges coached by an old cooder who came along before the free substitution rule went into effect.

The guys who coach now like free substitution and maybe from their point of view it's just and just. They want to stay around as long as possible. They don't want any new guys muscling in and taking away their lush posts.

But it's more than just this thing. I doubt if many of the coaches who nixed attempts to reduce substitution had their own security in mind. In possibly losing out the futures of young would-be coaches, they were thinking only of how much fun it is to figuratively push a button and send a new guy into the ball game.

Big Crop of American League Rookies Will Strive for Jobs

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—More than 120 rookies, some spanking new and others vaguely familiar, will strive for American League berths when the junior leagues start their practice spin March 1.

This hunk of hot stove news came today from League Publicist Earl J. Hilligan, who enthusiastically gave assurance that the batch of newcomers had class "right down the line" with every club claiming fresh talent to bolster its 1948 pennant test.

Some names are not so new to close major league observers. The Chicago White Sox, for instance, will be looking over First Sacker Tony Lupien, who batted .341 for Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League last year. Formerly he had a fling with the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Phils. Washington Senators will give Outfielder Gil Coan, who belted .340 for the Chattanooga Lookouts last summer, his third spring whirl. Outfielder Whitely Platt, a .305 hitter for the Toledo Mud Hens in '347, will be with the White Sox in 1948 and now gets a chance with the Detroit Tigers. Another new Brownie who is no American League stranger is First Sacker Chuck Stevens, also up from Toledo.

Among the fresher talent, Cleveland's Al Rosen, 22, who won the Texas League batting title at .349 with Oklahoma City last summer, is rated highly by Hilligan. Rosen also led the loop in base hits, extra bases, doubles and runs-batted in and was voted the league's most valuable player. He played third base at Oklahoma City, but the Tribe's Ken Keltner may force the young Jewish kid to the outfield. The Indians also expect some help from two catchers, Joe Tipton from Wilkes-Barre, who won the Eastern League hitting crown with .375 and Baltimore's Ralph Weigel. Tops among the Tribe's new hurling candidates is Bill Kennedy, who fashioned a 15-2 record with Scranton last year.

The Boston Red Sox will give more than a passing glance at two outfielders, Bill Goodman from Louisville and George Wilson from Roanoke, Va. Purchased from Atlanta last spring, Goodman hit .340 for Louisville Colonels in 94 games. Wilson ooped the Piedmont League batting runner-up spot with .357 and led the loop in five swatting departments. Second Sacker Chuck Coney, up from Louisville, is recommended highly as a fielder. Along with Lupien, Outfielder Jimmy Delsing, who had a .316 mark for Hollywood, will be welcomed warmly by the White Sox. Another Pale Hose outfield prospect is Grover Bowers, whose .375

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Pro Basketball

By the Associated Press

AS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. St. Louis, 19; Baltimore, 34; Chicago, 60; New York, 80; Boston, 84; Washington, 60. NATIONAL LEAGUE. Oklahoma, 29; Flint, 62; Tri City, 44; Minneapolis, 48; Cleveland, 60; Indianapolis, 38; Fort Wayne, 57; Anderson, 62. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Trenton, 63; Jersey City, 62; Wilkes-Barre, 71; Hartford, 48.

Navy to Hire Civilian Coach Under New Policy

Hamilton to Move Up To Director's Post, Succeeding Taylor

By Francis E. Stann

The Naval Academy's coaching policy, one of the most widely-discussed sports topics of 1947, probably will undergo a change within the next 12 hours when Rear Admiral James L. Holloway, Jr., superintendent at Annapolis, is due to make an announcement based on the recommendations of former Navy athletic stars who met at a special panel in a two-day session last week.

The Navy will drop its policy of using officer coaches in the top spot is most likely, although Admiral Holloway declined to comment this morning. It is expected that Capt. Thomas J. Hamilton, who returned to the Academy to coach in 1946 and 1947, will be elevated to the post of director of athletics and charged with the task of hiring a civilian head coach for 1948.

Taylor Due to Go to Sea. Capt. Edmund (Whitley) Taylor, present director of athletics, is due to receive orders for sea duty in June and Capt. Hamilton had been groomed as his successor even before he began his present tour of duty at Annapolis as head coach.

Who the civilian coach might be is a matter of speculation. It had been rumored that Jim Tatum of Maryland might be approached, but this is believed unlikely. The names of a dozen crack coaches have been mentioned in earlier unofficial parleys, including that of Frank Leahy of Notre Dame.

The last civilian or "professional coach" at the Naval Academy also was a Notre Dame graduate, Rip Miller. He now is line coach on Maryland's football team.

Meeting last Monday and Tuesday as members of Admiral Holloway's special panel were some of the most glittering names in Navy's sports history. They included Rear Admiral John E. (Billie) Wheeler, Rear Admiral Edward C. Ewen, Capt. Frank Ward, commandant of Midshipmen and president of the Naval Athletic Association; Donald W. Walker, president of the Naval Academy Alumni Association; Capt. Taylor, Capt. Robert Pirie of the Executive Committee of the NAA.

Studied Coaching Setup. They studied the coaching situation at Annapolis and presented their recommendations to Admiral Holloway. The latter said at the time he believed an annual meeting of such a group would be beneficial to all Academy sports.

If Navy hires a civilian coach, is expected, the Academy will be answering criticism of the present officer-coach policy, a criticism which developed strongly during the last two seasons, when Navy won only two games, lost 15 and tied one. The criticism was not directed at Capt. Hamilton, one of the most highly regarded coaches in the country, but at the policy of returning an officer from sea duty, football rusty, to compete against professionals.

Capt. Hamilton was unavailable for comment. It was stated that he was out of town and was in South Bend, Ind., visiting Leahy of Notre Dame "on business."

Straus Leases 500 Acres For Maryland Horse Farm

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—Henry L. Straus, inventor of the totalizer, the mechanical device which computes the payoffs at America's race tracks, is expanding his horse breeding business.

Straus said he had leased 900 acres in the Worthington Valley, the site of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's Sagamore Farm. Straus also is president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, a director of the Maryland Jockey Club, operator of Pimlico and Laurel race tracks, and president of the Coral Gables Racing Association, operator of the Tropical Park track in Miami.

The land acquired by Straus includes the course of the famed Maryland Hunt Cup.

St. John's Star a 'Natural' at Many Sports

George Excels in Baseball, Basket Ball, Football and Other Games

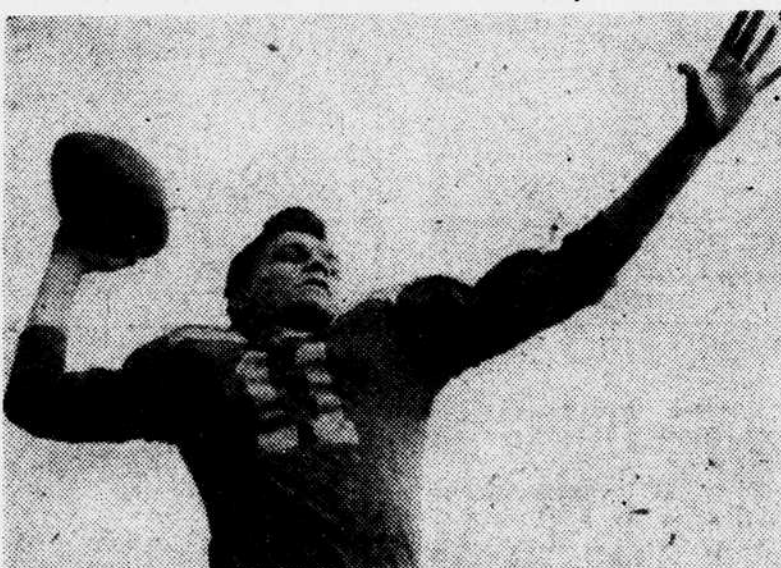
By Bill Fuchs

Every now and then there bobs up a "natural" athlete, an ambitious youngster who excels in more than one sport. Such a youngster is Jack George of St. John's who is efficient in baseball and basket ball as well as football.

George has attracted interest from the Chicago Cubs and Boston Red Sox for his baseball prowess. Holy Cross and Santa Clara want him for basket ball and it's a well-established fact that football offers rained all over the youth who led St. John's to an undefeated, untied season last year.

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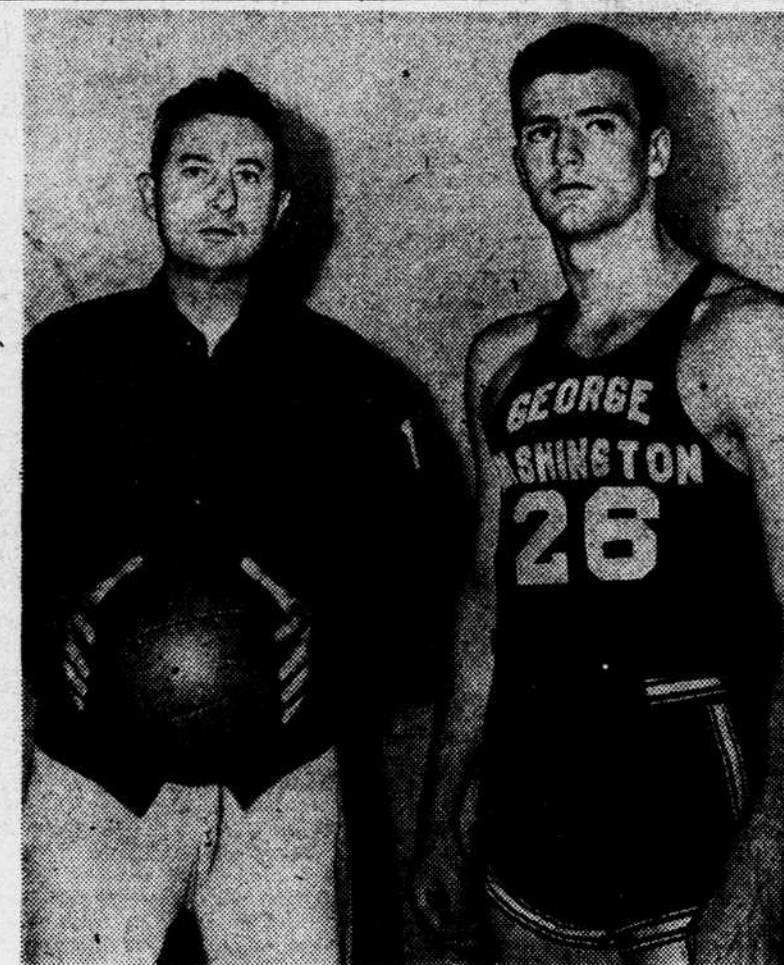
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which barely misses the 6-foot 2-inch mark. He's up to 175 pounds and no longer resembles the beanpole of bygone years. Yesterday's loss was the first for the Johnnies in five games, and the Mounts represent one of the finest schoolboy teams in Maryland. They took the Baltimore Catholic scholastic crown last year and yesterday chalked up their fifth win, although they had a hard time doing it.

The first period ended in a 10-10 deadlock, but George, Vince Durkin and Al Weaver helped the Johnnies to a 19-13 intermission. George, Lou Reich and Pat Vito got hot for the visitors and the Johnnies' lead was narrowed to 22-22 at the end of the third quarter.

The score stood at 28-28 with less than three minutes to go when Ed Keenan put the Mounts ahead with a layup shot. Billy Martin made good a foul for the Johnnies and Reich made a free throw for the Mounts. At this point Tom Fannon threw in a setshot to knot the count and send the game into overtime. Reich scored for the Mounts and George for the hosts to open the overtime. Vito threw in a hook shot and followed with a foul to ice the game. Durkin scored with a beautiful shot from midcourt, but only six seconds remained and the Mounts froze the ball.

Reich led the scoring parade with 16 points, while Weaver annexed 10 for St. John's and George and Durkin registered 9.



RIVAL STARS—Bill Cantwell, G. W. court captain, is shown with Coach Art Zahn (holding ball). Other picture shows Ray Corley, Georgetown's high scorer. Cantwell and Corley will be very much in the limelight tonight when the Hoyas and Colonials clash at the armory.

American U. and C. U. To Clash Tonight in Conference Game

American University and Catholic University will settle their local differences tonight in the first of a home-and-home Mason-Dixon Conference series in the American U. gym at 8:45. The game originally was slated for the Armory on the Georgetown-C. U. card until the seating ban ruled out twin bills.

A preliminary at 7:15 will find the A. U. Jayvees, with a record of seven victories against two defeats, out to snap the five-game winning streak of the junior Cardinals.

The A. U. Eagles will be the varsity game favorites, but by a slim margin due to C. U.'s rapid post-holiday improvement. The Cards routed Gallaudet and Washington College by 37 and 22 point margins in week-end games with Scotty Cranston and Gene Sklarz in star roles.

American U. came back nicely on Saturday to upset the Quantic Marines after trailing by 10 points at one time. The Eagles were without Reggie Crockett, their high scorer who was out with an injured ankle and who is a doubtful starter tonight. The Eagles lost to Penn State and Loyola earlier in the week.

Loyola of Baltimore, the conference champion, is the only opponent met by both teams and the Greyhounds beat C. U., 62-46, in Baltimore, and A. U., 64-55, here.

American U. won both games with C. U. last year but the second was by a slim margin. To date the Eagles have won seven and lost five on a comparatively tough schedule while the Cardinals show a four won and two lost mark with Navy their only nonconference opposition.

Mason-Dixon Conference Standings.

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opp.
Loyola	7	0	1,000	173
Hampton-Sydney	2	0	1,000	17
Johns Hopkins	1	0	1,000	84
Catholic U.	1	0	800	291
American U.	3	1	750	244
Washington	1	2	423	148
Georgetown	1	2	333	144
St. Mary's	0	1	1,000	45
West. Maryland	0	1	1,000	18
Gallaudet	0	6	0	242

Terp Quint at Virginia To Launch Busy Week

The University of Maryland courtmen meet the University of Virginia at Charlottesville tonight in the first of four games this week for the Old Liners, who have won 5 out of 10 to date.

Wednesday, Coach Flude Stewart's club travels to Navy and on Friday and Saturday it meets South Carolina and V. M. I., respectively, in Southern Conference games.

Colonials, Hoyas Well Matched For 14th Cage Clash Tonight

By Merrell Whittlesey

The 14th flare-up of the Georgetown-George Washington basketball series will find the intra-city rivals in a new home tonight, making the fifth time they have moved since the court feud was inaugurated in the spring of 1939. The Hoyas hold a slim 7-6 edge, counting two games won by the G. W. "Inforams" in the 1945-6 season. Game time is 8:45, following a freshman preliminary.

The 4,825-capacity National Guard Armory court is the latest home of the game between the "gym-less" schools after years of playing at Tech High, Catholic University, Riverside Stadium and Uline Arena. The biggest crowd ever to see a Hoyas-Colonial game was the 5,500 that packed Riverside in March of 1941.

Tonight's game finds the Hoyas as hosts with a crowd of about 3,500 expected. George Washington will be the home team in the return game February 21.

Game Figures as Tossup. From an unbiased viewpoint, the game figures as a tossup with the edge, if there must be one, to George Washington. The Colonials point to their record of 11 victories against one defeat as "nuff said" as to why they should be favorites, while Georgetown has won only seven out of 15.

But the Georgetown viewpoint is that if G. W. played Georgetown's schedule, G. W. also would be below the 500 mark. The Colonials have played most of their games against Southern Conference competition and against conference teams

ence with three wins to two for Iowa. Illinois strong with eight wins in nine starts.

Southwest—Texas setting the pace against all competition with 11 victories in 12 starts. Oklahoma, followed by Southern Methodist and Baylor with records of 9-4. Arkansas leading the conference race with two wins and no defeats.

Southeastern—Georgia with 10 straight wins closely followed by Tulane with 12 out of 13 and Tennessee with 8-2. Tulane (4) and Georgia (2) unbeaten in the Conference.

Big Six—Iowa State's 8-2 record leads in seasonal play and its record of 2-0 shared by Kansas in family tussling. Missouri another stout contender.

Pacific Coast—California (2-0) leading the Southern Division, and Oregon State (2-0) setting the pace for the Northern group, only two teams unbeaten in Conference play.

Mountain States—Utah State and Denver sharing the lead in the Sky-line Six with the favored Utah a disappointment so far. Utah has lost 6 games in 11 starts.

Marlboro Booters Win Marlboro downed the Washington Sports Club, 5-1, in the feature game of the Washington and Suburban Soccer League yesterday at Gonzaga, while in other league tie, Charles County tripped Chiles Hills, 1-1, and Berwyn, defeated Rockville, 3-1.

U. S. C. to Name Jess Hill As Cromwell Successor

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Jess Hill will succeed Dean Cromwell, the new Olympic coach, as track and field coach at Southern California in 1949, U. S. C. officials disclosed today.

Gromwell now has achieved his Olympic goal and nothing stands in the way of the appointment of Hill, former major league baseball player, it was said.

Hill was hired as frosh football and track coach two years ago with the understanding that the varsity track job was his on Cromwell's retirement. Hill was a four-spot letterman at Southern California in the early thirties.

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Cromwell of U. S. C. To Coach America's Olympic Trackmen

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—In his 39th and final year as a developer of great athletes, Southern California's Dean Cromwell has been appointed head coach of the 1948 United States Olympic track and field team.

"The culmination of a coach's dream," meaning his own—was the way the smiling, spare 68-year-old Trojan coach put it.

This, Cromwell disclosed, is his last season as an active mentor. University of Southern California rules demand automatic retirement at age 67, but he was given a one-year extension with the hope that he would snag the Olympic appointment.

Others Appointed. Cromwell's assistant coaches include representatives from every section in the country. Those named were Emil von Eilling of New York University, Tom Jones of Wisconsin and Emmet Brunson of Rice Institute.

The committee, meeting in New York yesterday, also selected Ward H. Haylett of Kansas State as Olympic decathlon coach and named Alfred R. Masters, Stanford, as head manager of the Trojan States track and field squad.

Chairman Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson said Cromwell, who has furnished more Olympic material than any other coach (26 athletes since 1912), was the unanimous choice of his 13-man committee.

Starting his coaching career at U. S. C. in 1909, Cromwell produced 12 NCAA champion squads, including nine in a row from 1935 through 1943. His teams the last two seasons have been runners-up to champion Illinois. The Trojans also have nabbed nine 10-4-A crowns under his direction.

"If my luck holds out, I may have a couple of my boys on the Olympic squad," was Cromwell's answer to a query concerning the Trojans' 1948 chances. He had 10 on the last Olympic team in 1936.

The committee also selected Fred Travalena, New York Metropolitan AAU official, as decathlon and walking squad manager, and named Edward S. Parsons, Northeastern University and Lloyd Olds, Michigan Normal, as assistants to Masters.

Hockey at a Glance

By the Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE. New Haven, 4; Elm, 3; Providence, 4; Springfield, 2; Buffalo, 4; Philadelphia, 0; Indianapolis, 10; St. Louis, 8.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. New York, 3; Montreal, 1; Detroit, 2; Toronto, 2 (tie); Chicago, 4; Boston, 1.

UNITED STATES LEAGUE. Port Huron, 3; Houston, 3; Kansas City, 5; St. Paul, 4.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. Los Angeles, 4; San Diego, 3; New Westminster, 7; Tacoma, 3; Portland, 4; Vancouver, 2.

QUEBEC SENIOR LEAGUE. New York, 7; Shawinigan Falls, 1.

EASTERN LEAGUE. Montreal, 4; Valleyfield, 4; Baltimore, 7; Boston, 4.

Five Home Grid Games On G. W.'s '48 Card Of 'Non-Breathers'

George Washington University's most pretentious football schedule, the 1948 card, will include five home games, and from the September 18 opener with Wake Forest through the November 20 finale with Georgetown there is not a breather in the lot.

The schedule includes six Southern Conference opponents and has balance in two local opponents and independent foes from the East, Midwest and South. It is the dream schedule of Max Farrington's tenure as graduate manager of athletics.

Coaching Setup Clouded. Meanwhile, the Colonials' coaching setup remains clouded with Coach Skip Stanley still out of town. He was mentioned as among those considered for the head coaching job at Harvard.

The Colonials will play two games on neutral fields, meeting Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Citadel in the Orangeburg (S. C.) State Fair feature, the latter a Friday afternoon contest.

The only night game will find the Big Six co-champion Kansas University team here on Friday night, October 15.

Duke will be here on November 13. Of the two local games, Maryland will play in Griffith Stadium in GW's home game, but the Georgetown game will be the Hoyas.

Lafayette Newcomer. The Colonials dropped Washington and Lee, Miami, Wayne and Kings Point. The only team the Colonials have not met before is Lafayette.

September 18—Wake Forest at Winston-Salem, N. C. September 25—At V. P. I. October 2—V. M. I. October 9—At Virginia. October 15—Kansas. October 23—Maryland at Griffith Stadium.

October 30—At Lafayette. November 5—Citadel at Orangeburg, S. C. November 13—Duke. November 20—Georgetown.

Richmond Nine to Meet Three District Teams

Special Dispatch to The Star

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 12.—Home-and-home series with Maryland, George Washington and Georgetown are included on the 25-game 1948 baseball schedule announced by the University of Richmond. The Maryland and G. W. games will count in Southern Conference championship standings.

Richmond will open against Maryland March 27, then take on the Hoyas in a two-game series at home. The Spiders will return the District teams' visits early in May.

CYO Topples Mitchell's In Armory Loop Start

The CYO basketball team made a strong start in the Armory Basketball League yesterday, defeating Mitchell's Sports Store, 44-38.

In other tilts, Riverside Rollers won over Edgewood Merchants, 61-48; Kavakos Grill noosed out Kepel's Realty, 48-43, and National Guard defeated Webb-Lyles, 43-38.

Rockville Teams Victors Rockville men's basketball team defeated Henderson Hall Marines, 47-31, and the Rockville women's team topped Henderson Hall Marine women, 28-19, yesterday at Rockville.

Sports Mirror

By the Associated Press

Today a Year Ago—National Boxing Association advised Fritz Zivic, Pittsburgh ring veteran and former world's welterweight champion, to retire.

Three Years Ago—Thoroughbred Racing Association, at special meeting in New York, authorizes directors "to take all steps necessary to aid owners who may need assistance during the present emergency" brought on by the war.

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